PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2589, THE COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

MARCH 24, 1998.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 390]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 390, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2589, the "Copyright Term Extension Act" under a modified open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it will be considered as read.

The rule provides that no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule waives points of order against the amendment by Mr. Sensenbrenner printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments).

The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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